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Drivers still texting: CAA study

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▶ Despite the new laws, almost all the respondents to a CAA poll said they regularly see people texting and driving while behind the wheel.

Some want to see $199.98 fine for talking or texting hiked, licence demerits upped

The message from Winnipeg's top traffic cop was loud and clear yesterday, one year after Manitoba banned the use of cellphones while driving.

"We're gonna get you. We're gonna find you and give you a ticket."

Staff Sgt. Mark Hodgson's warning, however, also arrived the same day CAA Manitoba released survey results where virtually all 11,000 respondents (99.4 per cent) say they still see people yakking or texting while behind the wheel.

CAA said more than half reported seeing cellphone scofflaws breaking the law once a day, and 68 per cent also believe police will not catch and ticket them.

Police statistics show since the law went into effect, officers have handed out more than 2,600 cellphone-ban tickets. That translates into more than 200 drivers caught and cited each month since the law took effect.

More tickets (1,421) were handed out in the first six months of 2011 than the last six months of 2010 (1,192).

Hodgson said enforcement and education have to go hand in hand, and the ultimate goal of police measures is to change people's perception that it's OK to talk or text while driving.

"We can't be everywhere all the time," Hodgson said. "The goal is to change attitudes.

"I don't think enforcement is the answer to everything."

Despite the survey findings, Hodgson said he doesn't foresee police stepping up enforcement.

"I'm satisfied the officers are out there looking … watching … and I think the numbers bear that out."

Driving a vehicle is a dynamic activity, he said, and people need to maintain focus.

"If your eyes aren't on the road … things change in front of you, and they change very, very quickly," said Hodgson.

Over the year, police also handed out 23 tickets to drivers caught smoking while kids under 16 were in the vehicle. JAMES TURNER

Top ticketing months

Top months for cellphone-ban tickets:

- **October 2010:** 382 tickets issued.
- **February 2011:** 305 tickets issued.
- **March 2011:** 286 tickets issued.
- **May 2011:** 281 tickets issued.
- **April 2011:** 215 tickets issued.

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▶ Casa Burrito owners Samuel Engelking and Vinay Iyer keep up their "good food, fast" motto by prepping for the overwhelming demand for burritos.

What's a circus without food?

Gramma's Kettle Corn makes Fringe Festival debut

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It wouldn't be a circus if Fringe Festival attendees couldn't watch the aerial acts, jugglers and clowns while diving their palms into a tub of popcorn or pinching their fingers into a mound of cotton candy.

New to the Old Market Square block is Gramma's Kettle Corn, whose owner Teresa Foyle says it's a perfect fit for the Big Top's circus atmosphere. The popular Red River Ex staple will be popping straight from the kettle, so Fringers can follow the aroma to this bright yellow tent.

Casa Burrito is temporarily closing its Portage Avenue doors to meet the festival's demands. Its Folkfest hut exceeded expectations by selling about three burritos a minute, said owner Vinay Iyer. The oven-baked burritos use only fresh ingredients — enough to fill up an empty stomach, but without the food-coma aftermath that can make ticket-holders miss their showtime.

The King's Head Pub and Pyramid Cabaret Fringe are two Fringe venues serving up pre-show and after-party drinks. The outdoor beer tent and patio is open from noon until midnight everyday.

More eats

- **More than a Snack:** Sidewalk Sizzler, India Palace
- **Outdoor Favourites:** Santa Lucia Pizza, Lemon Heaven
- **Room for Dessert:** Mini O's Mini Donuts, Nucci's Gelati

See video about the Fringe Festival's last-minute preparations at metronews.ca/winnipeg

Big Top Fringe picks and pans

Every Story Ever Told
Whether or not writer/performer Ryan Gladstone delivers on the "every story" promise is debatable. But his semi-improvised show certainly delivers on laughs.

He begins with the aim of relating every story in human history, and in the show's hilarious opening minutes, he races through the Coles notes on everything from War and Peace (all four books) to Lord of the Rings. Before long, he abandons that, and shifts to explaining stories — all of them — through a largely improvised archetypal tale, which dovetails back to the three stories he says explain every other story: Chaplin's City Lights, Die Hard and the Rocky series. Gladstone is a natural comedian — he's frenetic, fun, and has a great rapport with his audience from beginning to end. **RYAN GLADSTONE/CBC REVIEW CREW**

Curriculum Vitae 010011001
Like his resumé, Jimmy Hogg's show Curriculum Vitae is a bit all over the place — it's part comedic monologue, part stand-up, part autobiographical drama, and chock full of stories from his working and personal life.

With most other performers, this would be a mess — but luckily, Jimmy's good at the job of Fringe performer. The stories themselves are fairly ordinary: Jimmy goes through a series of dead-end jobs, a disappointing romance, and finds himself still searching for what he's supposed to "do." But his delivery and comic skills elevate the material. **RYAN GLADSTONE/CBC REVIEW CREW**

The Last Gig of Lenny Breau
Burnaby guitarist Colin Godbout's passion for guitar legend (and one-time Winnipegger) Lenny Breau is obvious from his detailed program notes and informal post-show chat.

In the show, however, it's Godbout's considerable talents as a guitarist that take centre stage — and Breau's story seems only superficially explored. If you like Lenny Breau, and just want to hear the music performed well, you'll leave happy. **CBC REVIEW CREW**

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Five accused in Lathlin case to go straight to trial

In rare move by Manitoba Justice, all five suspects in home-invasion homicide face direct indictment

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Five people accused in the killing of a Winnipeg man during a home invasion at a government-run housing block will go straight to trial.

Manitoba Justice has taken the rare step of authorizing direct criminal indictments against those suspected in connection to the death of Ricky Martin Lathlin.

The move by justice officials ultimately means they will not have a preliminary inquiry to test the Crown's evidence.

All five suspects remain locked up without bail, but were rearrested by police and brought before a Court of Queen's Bench Justice yesterday to be formally told the news.

They will return to court Aug. 10.

Police were called to the Gilbert Park housing complex in the early morning of April 18, 2010, for a report of people wandering in the area armed with weapons.

Lathlin, 34, was found suffering from a number of critical injuries and rushed to hospital.

He died there not long after.

About four months later, police came forward and said they had charged four with homicide-related and conspiracy to commit robbery charges. Another man was arrested a few weeks later.

While a spokesperson for the Crown wouldn't discuss the reasons the direct indictments were issued in the Lathlin case, she said a number of factors may have prompted the Crown to use the procedure.

Among the possible reasons are a desire by the Crown to avoid holding multiple trials and other pre-trial hearings; the health, safety or security of witnesses requires a trial to be held quickly; or the possibility that technical legal issues would overtly delay the course of justice.

The accused

- One of the accused, Bradley Campbell, has told court he believes he's not bound by Canadian law because of his aboriginal heritage.
- Also accused are Roland Klyne, Jonathon Boyer, James Henry and Terry Davis.

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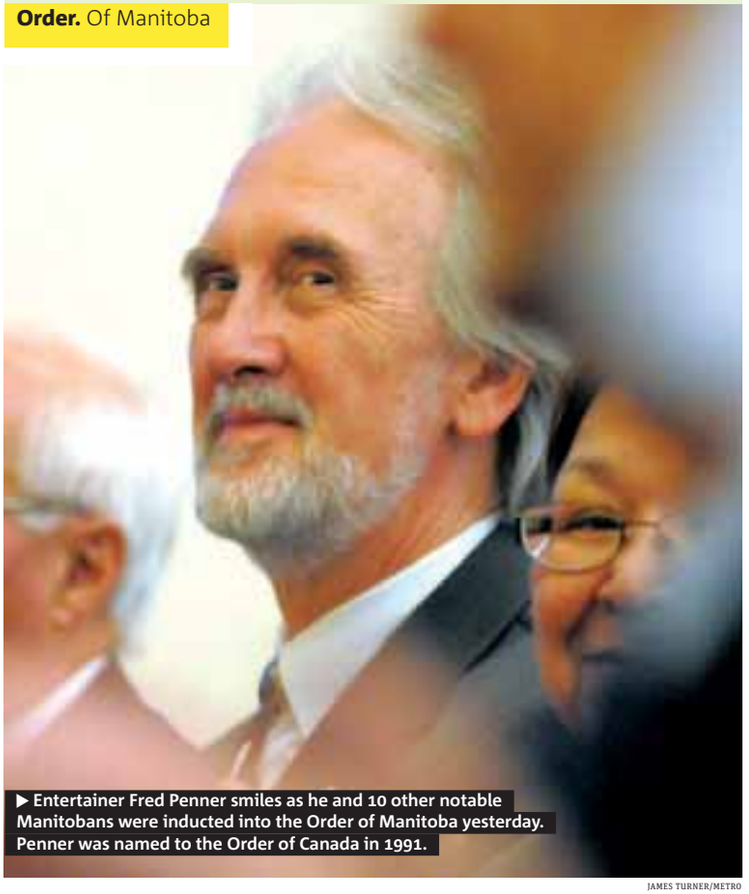

▶ Entertainer Fred Penner smiles as he and 10 other notable Manitobans were inducted into the Order of Manitoba yesterday. Penner was named to the Order of Canada in 1991.

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You Can Do It (If You Try): Penner

Your votes for best biter repellent

Don't Bug Me
"Made by Dierbe, a local Canadian company making vegan and organic soaps and skin care products. It smells great (neem oil infused with lemongrass, basil, citrus...) and it works!" — *Kristi Degenhardt*

The Stinger
"An electronic pest repeller ... the outdoor one works best! It has a UV blacklight that attracts insects and lures them in and zaps them. It works well as it kills insects from far away." — *Karine Craig*

Muskol
"Not too harsh in scent and works for up to eight hours. In a serious mosquito province ... you need something that works well! It may come in a small bottle but does not require you to reapply!" — *Natalie Loewen*

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Teen killer gets maximum youth sentence

A gang-involved Winnipeg teen has been handed the maximum youth sentence for second-degree murder in connection to the death of Joseph Victor McLeod, 23, on Ross Avenue in May 2009. JAMES TURNER

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NASA 'nauts take final spacewalk

Robots to eventually assume duty of refuelling satellites that orbit as high as 38,886 kilometres

Astronauts making the last spacewalk of NASA's space-shuttle era yesterday retrieved a broken pump from the International Space Station and installed a fill-er-up experiment for a robot.

In a departure from previous shuttle visits, the spacewalking job fell to space-station astronauts Michael Fossum and Ronald Garan Jr. They completed the two major chores inside of 3½ hours.

The ammonia coolant pump stopped working last July and, for more than two weeks, left the space station with only half its cooling capability. Space-station residents had to perform three emergency spacewalks last summer to replace the pump and restore full cooling to all the on-board equipment.

NASA wants the pump brought back to Earth so engineers can figure out why it failed to help them keep the on-board station pumps running.

But perhaps more than anything else on this final journey by a shuttle, the robotic demo illustrates the possibilities ahead for NASA: satellite-refuelling stations in space run by robots. The space station's two-armed robot Dextre won't tackle the $22.6-million playset until long after Atlantis departs and the shuttle program ends. The station is intended to operate until at least 2020.

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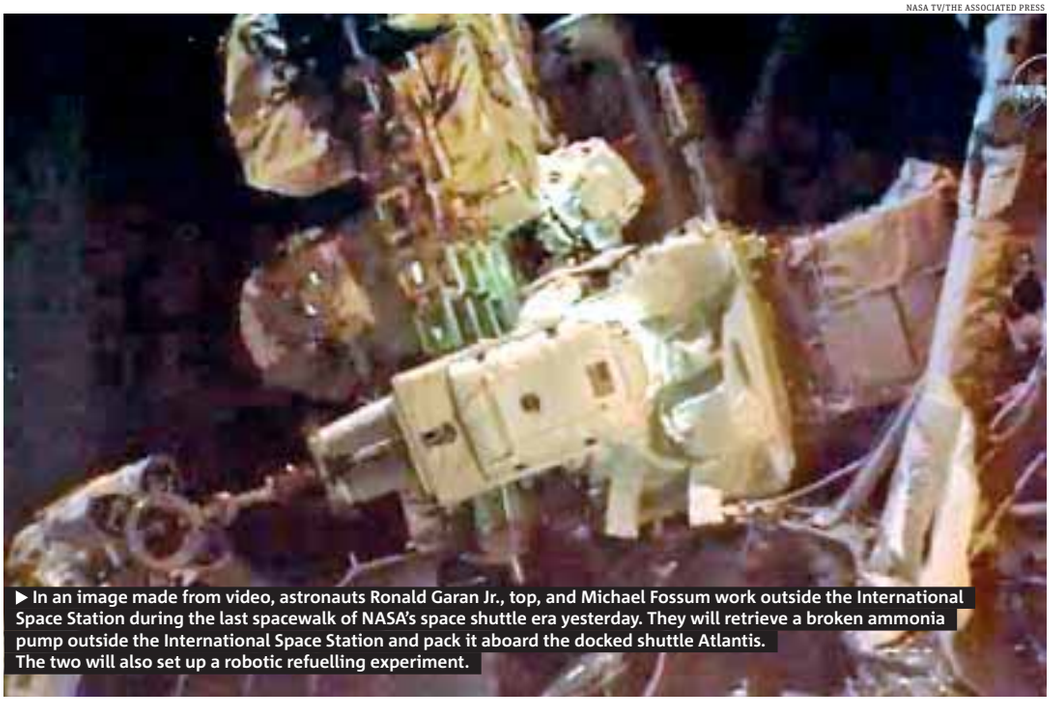

▶ In an image made from video, astronauts Ronald Garan Jr., top, and Michael Fossum work outside the International Space Station during the last spacewalk of NASA's space shuttle era yesterday. They will retrieve a broken ammonia pump outside the International Space Station and pack it aboard the docked shuttle Atlantis. The two will also set up a robotic refuelling experiment.

Housework gender gap narrows by generation: StatsCan

A new study says younger generations of women are less involved in unpaid housework than their predecessors, but they still carry much of the load.

The Statistics Canada study also says younger men still do more paid work than women, but the gap is narrowing.

The study compares young adulthoods of three generations: late baby boomers, born 1957 to 1966, when they were aged 20 to 29 in 1986; Generation X, 1969 to 1978, who was in that age group in 1998; and Generation Y, 1981 to 1990, who reached it in 2010.

It found that at ages 20 to 29, late-baby-boom men did on average 1.4 hours more paid work per day than women, while among Generation Y, the difference had narrowed to 1.1 hours.

And StatsCan says that at ages 20-29, late-baby-boom women did 1.2 hours more housework per day than men.

By the time Generation Y reached the same age group, the difference had narrowed to 0.4 hours — due entirely, says StatsCan, to a decrease in the time women spent on housework.

Among dual-earner couples — the dominant family form since the 1980s — StatsCan says young adults are increasingly sharing economic and domestic responsibilities.

As women have increased their hours of paid work, the agency says men have steadily increased their share of household work.

It also found that members of Generation Y were more likely to be in school and at home with their parents at ages 20-29 than their counterparts in the two other generations. At ages 20-29, 51 per cent of Generation Y lived at home with their parents, compared with 31 per cent of their counterparts in Generation X. Generation Y also delayed living with a partner and having children. At ages 20-29, 19 per cent of Generation Y had children, compared with 29 per cent of the late baby boomers of the same ages in 1986.

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Convergence

▶ **StatsCan** said the narrowing difference in the amount of unpaid housework done by men and women was due entirely to a decrease in the time women spent on housework.

Caron Whitlaw-Hiebert Testimonial
Ten years ago I gave birth to my son at 365 lbs. Until 2009, I weighed usually between 330-345. I hated stairs and exercised very little.
In the fall of September 2009, I had a horrible flu. I told my son I wanted a membership at Shapes Fitness Centres for Christmas. After receiving a 3 month membership for Christmas, I started coming to the gym, mostly walking on the treadmill and using the exercise bike.
I had lost 50lbs by March. In April, I found out I had to have major surgery in August and had to take getting healthy and into shape to the highest level. I rejoined Shapes, and asked for Jodi to be my personal trainer. She worked with me 2 - 3 times a week, until my surgery. By August, I had lost 100 lbs!
Eight weeks after surgery, I began working out at my past intensity with weights, treadmill, bike & added classes - still with Jodi, two times a week. I am now down 140 lbs!
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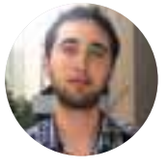
Word on the street

Do you think Twitter should be monitored, policed and restricted?



Dave Stibrany
27, WEB DEVELOPER, TORONTO
There's such a fine line between free speech and what you can say. It's hard to monitor it, but I definitely think that something should be done with this problem.

Valentina Monreal
23, STUDENT, TORONTO
Of course. But who's actually going to monitor it? Everyone's going to use the whole free-speech amendment.

Brian Wong
24, MARKETING, AURORA
I don't think it should be monitored. People are going to think whatever they want to whether or not you let them say it on Twitter.

Oma Okuma
40, GRAPHIC DESIGNER, VANCOUVER
Maybe we're going to say that everyone should have their free opinion or whatever, but I don't know — people can be very cruel.

Lessons from celeb tweets gone wrong

A word of caution to Twitter users, celebrity or otherwise: Be careful not to show too much Weiner. As one United States congressman found out the hard way, nothing sent online is ever private. Here are some celebrity tweets gone wrong:

Anthony Weiner:

U.S. Representative Anthony Weiner resigned as a result of inappropriate messages and photos he sent to women on Twitter and Facebook. Most famous is a tweet of his boxer-clad genitals he sent to a 21-year-old woman.

Ryan Seacrest:

The former American Idol host tweeted contestant Lacey Brown's elimination on American Idol 17 minutes before the show aired.

"Packed radio show tomorrow ... got tonight's voted-off idol lacey brown, @orianthi, @thedavidcook, & dakota fanning with deets on 'Eclipse.'"

▶ Anthony Weiner

▶ Courtney Love

Kenneth Cole:

The world-famous designer had to apologize after comments he made about the uprising in Egypt, resulting in outrage from the Twitter community.

"Millions are in uproar in #Cairo. Rumor is they heard our new spring collection is now available online at http://bit.ly/KCairo –KC"

Courtney Love:

The singer's tweets about designer Dawn Simorangkir cost her $430,000 in a libel lawsuit. She called the designer a "vile horrible lying bitch," as well as cocaine dealer, embezzler, racist and homophobe, and even threatened her life.

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Mob mentality yielding mean tweets on negative stereotypes

#fatpeoplenightmares was trending topic across Canada and the U.S. for nearly 31 hours last week

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When Twitter goes from fun, games and Bieber love to mean trending topics, it becomes a form of bullying, an expert says.

"When you look at taunting and teasing within Twitter ... that type of bullying can drive a person to some serious depths of despair," said Tim Richardson, social media expert and e-commerce professor at the University of Toronto.

Trending topics like #whatmakesablackgirlmad illustrate how Twitter can become a platform for negative stereotyping and cyber-bullying, said Richardson.

Last week, Twitter showed its mean streak again when users began posting hundreds of tweets suggesting overweight people fear exercise, lettuce and the middle seat on flights.

"At the moment, you really don't think how it could affect someone. You just respond to it to make other people laugh."
MARITZA SANCHEZ, 21

"People were saying these things that are so hurtful that they would never have the guts to say in person," said Sam Tremblay, 22, who tweeted to criticize the #fatpeoplenightmares hash tag.

Richardson said many Twitter users do not think twice before tweeting because they can hide behind the anonymity of the Internet.

"The thing with Twitter is that people are distanced from the pain that they're causing other people, and so they will do these things more easily," Richardson said.

Maritza Sanchez, 21, tweeted that overweight people are afraid their cake will come to life and run away. Sanchez said she knows it wasn't right but she didn't consider how others would feel at the time.

MARIANA IONOVA/FOR METRO

▶ Tim Richardson, e-commerce professor at U of T, has examined the effects of group dynamics in trending-topic discussions that encourage users to tweet comments that reinforce negative stereotypes.

But one Torontonian, who tweets as @Kanadian_Kid, said users should lighten up because Twitter is not a serious platform. Another user, @guyanesemon, equated the tweets to standup comedy.

Watch your social media activities during job search

Your job application was turned down even though you have the education, skills and experience the company is looking for. Reason? Check your Facebook and Twitter posts.

Some employers say they base about half of their hiring decisions on applicants' social media activities.

"What intrigues me enough to contact that person is what they have online, what they have done in the past," said Sam Manna, director of client development and talent acquisition at Argentus Search Group.

"If the person doesn't have a filter, if they don't understand the line between what should be said and what shouldn't be, then it's kind of hard for us to put our name on that person and say that's the best that we have."

PHOEBE HO

Facebook, Time Warner gang up on bullies

Facebook and Time Warner are ganging up on bullies to address a problem that torments millions of children and young adults.

The partnership announced yesterday calls for Facebook and Time Warner to use their clout to raise awareness about bullying and encourage more people to report the abuses when they see them. Facebook's participation reflects a growing recognition that its online social network consisting of more than 750 million people has become an outlet for harassment as well as friendship.

"We believe that by working together with parents and teachers, we can teach young people to speak up and stop bullying," said Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer.

The anti-bullying campaign will be waged on the Internet, on TV and radio and several major U.S. magazines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

TV watching down: StatsCan

Fewer Canadians are regularly watching TV today but those who do haven't curtailed their viewing. Statistics Canada reports that the proportion of Canadians who said they watched television dropped from 77 per cent to 73 per cent between 1998 and 2010.

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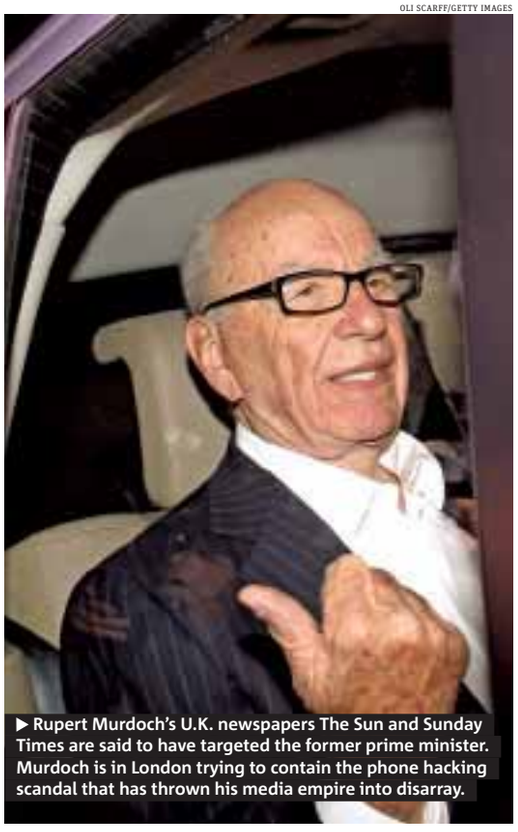

▶ Rupert Murdoch's U.K. newspapers The Sun and Sunday Times are said to have targeted the former prime minister. Murdoch is in London trying to contain the phone hacking scandal that has thrown his media empire into disarray.

Give up BSkyB: British PM

David Cameron tells Rupert Murdoch to withdraw bid for broadcaster
Sides with opposition Phone hacking scandal reaches former PM

Bad news week

- **The rapid erosion of** Rupert Murdoch's political influence is raising speculation that he could close his U.K. newspapers to avoid more legal problems and boost his hopes of seizing control of BSkyB.
- **But some observers think** the idea of a U.K. newspaper shutdown is absurd. "It's completely bonkers," said Claire Enders of Enders Analysis. "They just invested $1 billion in new presses. They have revenues of 1 billion pounds a year and around 50 million pounds profit."

The cozy relationship that Rupert Murdoch long enjoyed with the British political establishment came to an abrupt end yesterday, just as he needed it to complete one of his biggest media buys ever.

The billionaire, tainted by a cellphone hacking scandal at one of his newspapers, suddenly faces stiff government opposition to his bid for total control of a much more lucrative property: the satellite British Sky Broadcasting company.

The news came in a stunning announcement from Prime Minister David Cameron that the government will support an opposition motion calling on Murdoch and his News Corp. to withdraw the $12 billion US bid for BSkyB.

Cameron's turnabout means the Australian-born Murdoch, who held great influence in British politics no matter who ran the government, suddenly finds all three major political parties lined up against him. He's even been asked to appear before lawmakers next week to answer questions about the conduct of News International, the U.K. arm of News Corp.

Cameron took action after his predecessor, Gordon Brown, gave an emotional televised interview yesterday saying that Murdoch journalists had illegally obtained his confidential bank accounts, tax records and even health information about his son, who suffers from cystic fibrosis.

News International did not comment on the government's decision yesterday. Murdoch, his son James and News International chief Rebekah Brooks have been asked to appear before British lawmakers to answer questions about the hacking charges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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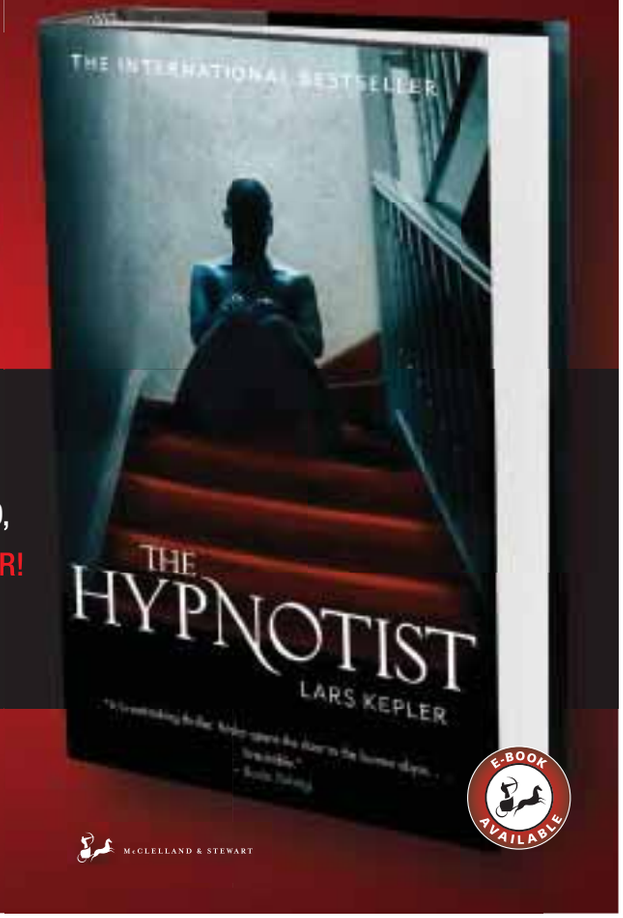

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—*People* Magazine

A CHANCE TO EMPOWER CHILDREN

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My youngest daughter, Chloe, has been bugging me for years to coach her house-league soccer team. I remember how cool it was when my dad coached me at soccer as a kid, so I finally stepped up this spring and volunteered, having no real idea of what the heck I was getting myself into — or the learning curve involved.

One of my biggest fears, other than the time involved, was this: You take an ultra-competitive guy who played all-star soccer growing up and put him in charge of a bunch of nine-year-old girls at different skill levels and you just don't know what you're going to get.

My wife has been like, "Well, you're not here to teach them how to win; you're here to let them have fun, exercise, develop some skills." But I'm like, "I know it's house league, but, well, I just *hate* losing. At anything. Period. How can I just turn off my competitive nature? Let's bend it like Beckham!"

Somehow, I have tried to repress that competitive side.

"The long and the short is this: To the thousands of dads and moms across Canada who volunteer their time each week coaching teams — I'm starting to get it now. You guys are awesome. See you at indoor soccer."

I do my best to be fair with all the girls. I divvy up playing time and allow them to try different positions and develop at their own pace. If a more skilled forward scores a goal, I will (while biting my tongue) sometimes move them back to midfield or defence or sub them out just to prove it's not all about winning.

I have also learned to navigate other coaching duties: What parents bring snacks each week, huge storms that blow in out of nowhere where you have to yell at the teenage referee "Stop the game early! Pull the kids off the field!" and the delicate balance of coaching your daughter and not playing favouritism.

The ultimate goal about coaching at this level, I'm learning, is to empower these girls. To encourage and instil confidence in them at this vital life stage while also just letting them have fun. If we happen to win the game, too, that's gravy. (That said, if we're up 2-1 with minutes to go, I might put my best defenders back there, but shhhhh.)

My daughter loves that daddy is the coach. And daddy pretty much loves doing it, though there are moments after a long work day where he would rather just kick back than gather all the soccer balls and game sheets and water bottles and drive to a soccer field to coach on a sweltering summer evening.

The long and the short is this: To the thousands of dads and moms across Canada who volunteer their time each week coaching teams — I'm starting to get it now. You guys are awesome. See you at indoor soccer.

EDITOR'S NOTE: PAUL SULLIVAN'S JUST SAYIN' WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK

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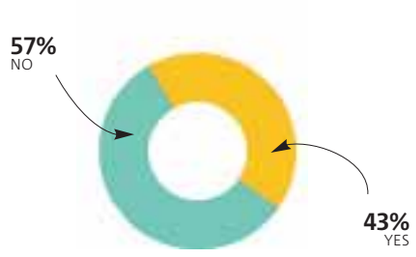

Local tweets

- **The Sourpuss:** @metrowinnipeg — Somewhere, out there, Lorena Bobbit is wishing that she too would have had access to a garbage disposal. #severedpenis
- **@WpgJetsOnline:** So the police are wandering around my street. It seems that the Cougar spotted in Transcona this past weekend is back. Kids, in the house.
- **@DumpsterBuns:** Edmonton has finally surpassed Winnipeg as the current murder capital of Canada. We truly are ... the city of champions.
- **@stephrutherford:** Winnipeg to Toronto to Saskatoon to Toronto to Winnipeg to Toronto. Teaching so much in the prairies. I love it!! #next2weeksoflife
- **@EricaGlasier:** I think G+ is experiencing some failwhaleage. Anyone having random insanity?
- **@AggieSems:** Someone just told me I need to "lower my standards" in order to get a date. What he really meant was, "date me, even though you have no attraction to me."

Worth mentioning

Schools and hospitals were designated by the UN Security Council yesterday as safe havens for children threatened by war.

Led by visiting German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle, the council voted unanimously yesterday to have the UN chief "name and shame" national security forces and other armed groups that target schools and hospitals in conflicts, often killing, maiming or sexually violating children. The resolution, spearheaded by Germany, also called on all countries to take action to help stop the growing practice.

"Because children are very often the first victims of violence and conflict, we must do what we can to protect them," Westerwelle said.

Jo Becker, advocacy director for children's rights at Human Rights Watch, said a UN blacklist of groups responsible for school and hospital attacks could have "a real impact."

"What this does is puts them on notice," Becker said. "It stigmatizes them."

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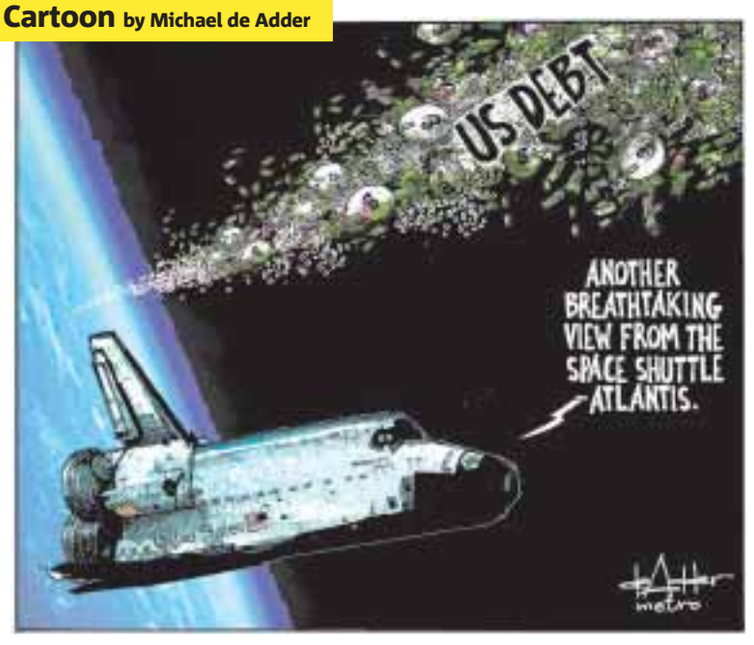

WEIRD NEWS

Honey spill creates quite the buzz

Cleanup crews in Island Park, Idaho, found themselves in a sticky situation after clearing honey and an estimated 14 million bees that got loose after a delivery truck overturned on a highway.

Fremont County Sheriff deputies say several workers were stung during the first few hours of the cleanup Sunday.

And some observers told The Post-Register about seeing a strange black cloud and roaring noise above the spill area before realizing it was a massive swarm of bees.

Authorities say a truck was hauling the bees to North Dakota from California when the driver veered off the shoulder, tipping more than 400 hive boxes and honey.

Crews worked all day Monday before removing all the honey from the roadway, though deputies say a significant amount of bees were still buzzing.

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Watson waves bye to Harry Potter era

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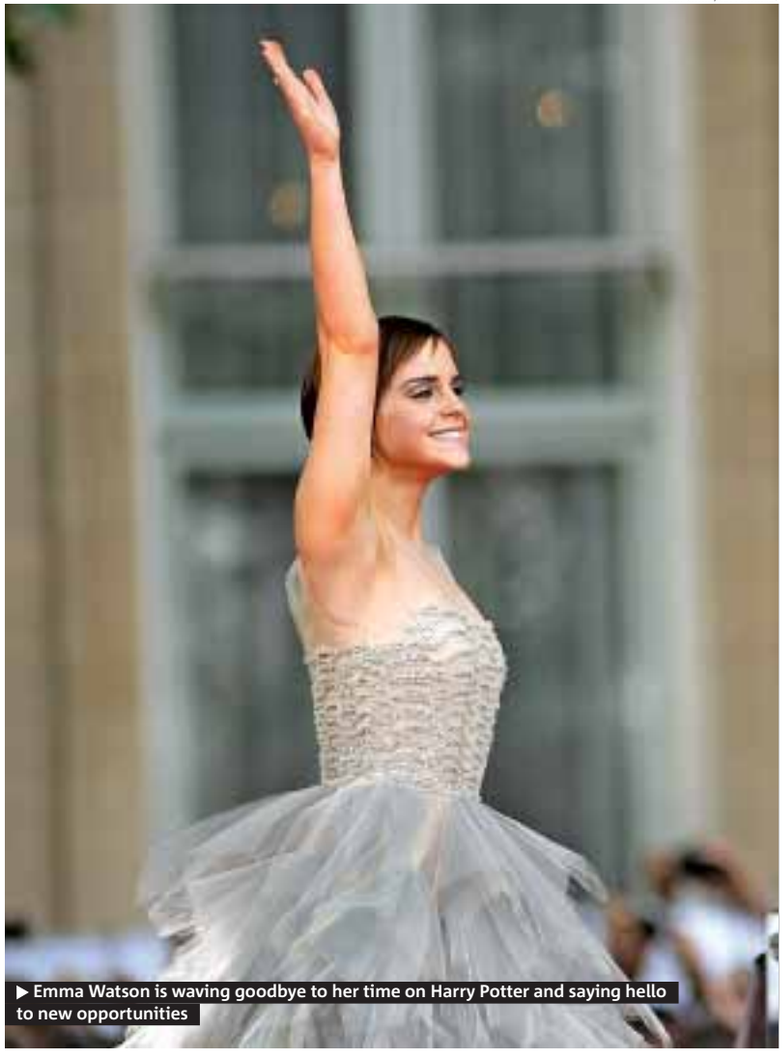

▶ Emma Watson is waving goodbye to her time on Harry Potter and saying hello to new opportunities

Actress looking forward to new films, new schools and new changes

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From the age of nine, British actress Emma Watson has lived and breathed Harry Potter — having starred in all eight of the films as Potter's close friend, the bookish Muggle-born Hermione Granger. While Watson gave a tearful speech at the final film's premiere in London last week, as Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part Two gets released, the actress is also eagerly awaiting her post-Potter life — even if she and Hermione have basically already become the same person.

What was your last scene as Hermione?

The last shot we did was this strange moment where we dive into the fireplace in the Ministry of Magic. It was actually for part one, not part two and so Dan, Rupert and I one by one jumped onto these blue safety mats. It seemed like a strange scene to go out on but actually (director David Yates) made the point that we were leaping into the unknown.

It was kind of a perfect metaphor for what we were all about to go into. I can't tell you how I felt when we were shooting it.

Were there any last moments from shooting that stick out in your mind?

This film was obviously incredibly challenging for me.

It really pushed me as an actress but at the same time, I was able to use a lot of my own genuine emotion that I felt about loss and it all coming to an end. So yeah, not much acting required, really. It was all there for me.

What's next for you?

It's obviously scary — change is always scary, but I feel like I'm entering a new chapter, like I get a fresh start, and there's something really exciting about that. I have just made a film called The Perks of Being a Wallflower which was just an incredible experience.

So are you going back to Brown?

I'm going to Oxford in the fall to study English for a year. I haven't left Brown. I'm still enrolled at Brown but I'm doing my third year abroad, studying at home, abroad for me. I'll go back to the States for my last year. I took a semester off but my A-level credits actually count as an advance placement.

Jersey Shore

Assault charges will be dismissed if Jersey Shore cast member Ronald (Ronnie) Ortiz-Magro stays out of trouble. The charges stem from a fight outside a Seaside Heights nightclub in 2009 that was shown during the first season of the MTV reality series. A judge in Ocean County on Monday admitted the 25-year-old Bronx, New York, resident into a pretrial intervention program for 18 months. Under the program, he neither admits nor denies guilt.

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Patty, Ellen and a new life for 'Damages' as legal thriller returns

The man behind the magic

David Yates has directed the last four Harry Potter films, and some of the best reviewed. Metro found out how he pulled it off.

At the end of shooting The Deathly Hallows did you feel relieved or did you feel like you could do four more films?

I was really glad we'd finished, quite honestly. It's very tough making these movies. They're really complicated. The reason I think I lasted longer than anyone else is because I enjoyed the world very, very much. The people gave me a lot of energy — Dan, Rupert and Emma, the crew, my producers… And, I didn't want to be the director that did the two in the middle. There was something about that that made me feel really uncomfortable.

What kind of film would you like to direct next?

With something much smaller and meaner and leaner. It would be crazy to do another blockbuster for a bit, so I'm going to make not a little tiny film but a smaller film. I've got some great scripts. The great thing about directing Harry Potter is the Harry Potter as a story, it's a thriller, it's a comedy, it's a horror movie, it's an action picture. So as a director, I'm getting sent comedies, action movies, thrillers — everything that you could imagine.

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▶ David Yates

‘I actually thought I was going to die’

Orlando Bloom’s wife talks about turning down pain meds while giving birth to their son, Flynn

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▶ Miranda Kerr’s baby weighed almost 10 pounds.

Miranda Kerr admits that giving birth to her and Orlando Bloom’s son, Flynn, in January was more than a little difficult.

“I actually thought I was going to die at one point and left my body,” she tells InStyle Australia.

“I was looking down on myself, the pain was so intense. I kept thinking, ‘How do women do this?’ But if other women have done this, I can do it too. I was determined.”

Kerr says she decided against any anesthetic during her 27-hour labour.

When he was born, Flynn weighed in at nearly 10 pounds.

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Baby boom

▶ Jewel

New mom Jewel over the moon

IT’S A BABY BOY. Jewel and her husband, Ty Murray, welcomed a baby boy, Kase Townes Murray, on Monday, the singer confirms to People magazine.

“Ty and I are so pleased to welcome our new baby boy into the world,” Jewel tells the magazine.

“We are overcome with happiness. It really is as great as everyone told us it would be — better even!”

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Celebrity tweets

Today, Olivia Wilde can pass for a teenager, Aziz Ansari has standards, Taylor Swift is bored, and Jonah Hill knows how to entertain himself.

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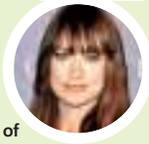

“A doorman just asked what year of high school I’m in. When I said I wasn’t, he thought I was a drop-out and said I should rethink my future.”

@azizansari

“If I was on a date and girl said she wasn’t a fan of Above the Rim OR it’s accompanying soundtrack, I’m out.”

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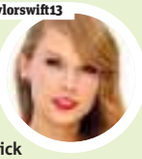

“Yeah, there are all sorts of fun things to do while sick and on vocal rest. Like sitting here, popping bubble wrap by myself.”

@JonahHill

“A fun thing to do at public restrooms is to wait until someone leaves, then click your stopwatch and write something down in a notebook.”

January hits baby shops

If January Jones’ shopping habits are any indication, she’s having a girl.

The very pregnant Mad Men star visited L.A. children’s boutique Poppy recently, where she bought some decidedly girlish baby clothes, according to Hollyscoop.

Of course, shopping tendencies don’t count for everything, as Jones was spotted last month checking out blue baby clothes at a Los Angeles Target, prompting many to speculate she is having a boy.

▶ Mom-to-be January Jones

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Lilo says her house arrest was good times

Lindsay Lohan doesn’t make 35 days of house arrest sound like much of a punishment.

The troubled actress tells Australian radio station 2Day Fm that her home-bound sentence was fun: “I enjoyed it, actually, as I was able to get a lot of work done from home, and it was very nice not to have to worry about cameras being outside,” Lohan says.

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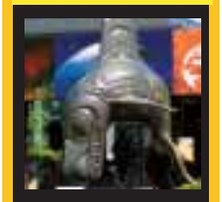

A B.C. ranch in Cariboo region and a Vancouver restaurant received gold awards from the U.K.-based Green Tourism Business Scheme. The Siwash Lake Ranch offers horseback-riding and fly-fishing vacations. The Refinery restaurant says it uses only energy-efficient equipment and sustainable building materials.

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Celebrated ceilings around the world give tourists reason to look up.

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▶ A military chapel, left, is illuminated during a night tour on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco. Alcatraz at night offers visitors an eerie adventure and different perspective on prison life.

Foggy Alcatraz by night

Touring this former prison by night is 'kind of eerie with the fog and lights' says a visitor

Off-limit areas including the dungeon and hospital are free to roam about when its dark

When night fell on The Rock in San Francisco Bay, visitors moved shadow-like through the former prison's lantern-lit hospital rooms.

A hard wind whooshed and rattled a window in the hospital cell where Robert Stroud, The Birdman of Alcatraz, spent 11 of his 17 years at the dankest, hardest federal prison in the U.S.

Yet most of the more than one million tourists who visit annually never experience Alcatraz Island at night or see its spooky, decrepit hospital.

At dusk the island prison that housed some of the nation's most notorious criminals — including Al Capone and the recently rearrested James (Whitey) Bulger, who was on The Rock for bank robbery from 1959 to 1963 — is often enshrouded by fog. Lamps on the grounds emit a ghostly glow.

The difference from the daytime tour is apparent.

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▶ A woman looks through bulletproof glass into a visitation area.

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▶ Visitors look into cells in the main cell block.

The ferry from San Francisco motors slowly around the isle, passing decrepit buildings surrounded by Alcatraz's new residents: cormorants, gulls and other birds there since U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy shuttered the prison in 1963.

"This is a little eerie," said Gerard Lang, 28, who was visiting from Covington, Ky. "You kind of feel like you're heading to prison yourself."

Once inside the prison, the audio tour features stories from ex-inmates and former prison guards in their own voices. You can sense the isolation, the desperation.

On the ride back to shore, San Francisco's skyline glowed through the fog and many remarked on the unique evening spent on Alcatraz.

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The way there

- **Alcatraz Island** can only be reached by ferry for a charge, which includes the cellhouse audio tour and departs from Pier 33 at Fisherman's Wharf.
- **Tickets** are available about 60 days in advance; reservations recommended.
- **Visit** nps.gov/alcatraz or alcatrazcruises.cm.

Drink of the week

Summer Lemon Zinger

Designed for barbecues or picnics, this recipe serves one, but quantities can easily be increased.

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) whisky
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) tea (brewed strong; cooled)
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) freshly made lemonade (equal parts lemon juice, sugar and water)
- Fruit, for garnish

In a glass, combine ingredients over ice. Garnish with fresh fruit such as lemon.

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Summer's versatile protein

Barbecue flank beef works perfectly in refreshing salads like this Vietnamese-inspired one, which is ideal for sit-down dinners It can be dressed down in sandwiches for picnics

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This refreshing salad features flank beef, cucumbers, shredded lettuce, bean sprouts, tomatoes and vermicelli noodles.

Barbecued flank beef shines in sandwiches and salads like this one.

Pick up an extra flank steak when shopping and throw it on the grill.

Use one in this recipe with fresh vegetables and serve the second the next night in an open-face steak and cheddar melt sandwich.

Ingredients:

Vietnamese Flank Steak
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 25 ml (5 tsp) packed brown sugar
- 20 ml (4 tsp) vegetable oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) each fish sauce and soy sauce
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) pepper
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) beef flank marinating steak

Noodle Salad
- 250 g (8 oz) fine rice vermicelli
- 750 ml (3 cups) shredded lettuce
- 750 ml (3 cups) fresh bean sprouts
- 12 fresh mint sprigs
- Half an English cucumber, julienned
- 1 tomato, cut into wedges (optional)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped roasted peanuts

Sauce
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cold water
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lime juice
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sugar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fish sauce
- 1 Thai chili, thinly sliced

Preparation:

1. In a large resealable freezer bag, combine garlic, shallot, brown sugar, oil, fish sauce, soy sauce and pepper. Pierce steak all over with a fork; place in bag and refrigerate for 8 hours or up to 24 hours.
2. Place steak on greased grill over medium-high heat (200 C/400 F); close lid and grill for 5 to 6 minutes per side for medium. Remove from heat. Tent with foil; let stand for 5 minutes before slicing across the grain.
3. Noodle Salad: Cook vermicelli according to package instructions. Place in a shallow bowl or platter along with shredded lettuce, fresh bean sprouts, mint sprigs, cucumber and tomato, if using. Top with roasted peanuts.
4. Sauce: In a bowl, combine water, lime juice, sugar, fish sauce and chili; splash over noodle salad and toss to combine.
5. Serve salad with steak.

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Fresh peas mingle with mint

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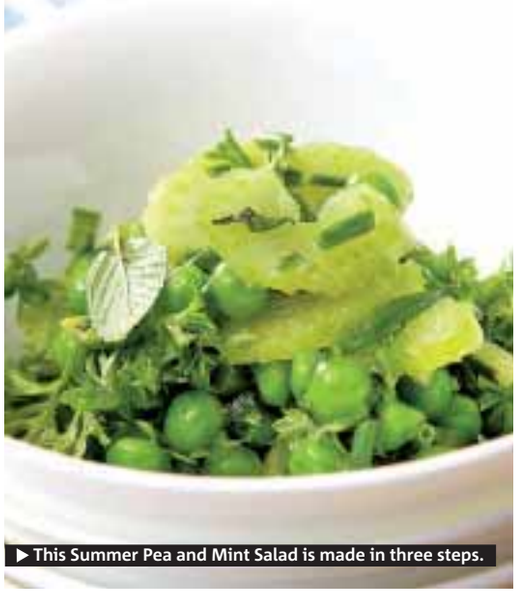

This Summer Pea and Mint Salad is made in three steps.

This salad from dietician Marilyn Smith's Healthy Starts Here! cookbook pairs well with warm weather

Farmers markets and grocery stores are starting to stock fresh peas. They're delicious eaten from the pod and they're also a great addition to summer salads (if you can make it home without snacking!).

Dietitian Marilyn Smith was looking for a way to incorporate peas in a salad. She had mint in her garden and celery in her fridge.

"I wondered if I throw all this stuff together and I make a tangy sauce what would happen and it turned out really well."

The Summer Pea and Mint Salad is included it in her recent cookbook Healthy Starts Here!

Preparation:

1. Salad: In a large salad bowl, toss together peas, celery, parsley, mint and chives.
2. Dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together oil, orange juice concentrate, vinegar and Dijon.
3. Pour dressing over salad and toss well. Serve.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/ HEALTHY STARTS HERE BY MARILYN SMITH (WHITECAP, 2011)

Ingredients:

Salad
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) cooked, chilled fresh peas or thawed frozen baby peas
- 2 stalks celery, thinly sliced
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) finely chopped parsley
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped fresh mint
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) snipped fresh chives

Orange-Dijon Dressing
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
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During my three year Public Relations Advanced Diploma program at Humber College, we were required to complete a 15-week internship in order to graduate.

The process of finding an internship while in school was made easier as we had an online portal where employers could post opportunities that we could apply for.

I managed to get an internship at a start-up company and received an honorarium of $100 a month.

However, as the company was small, they didn't have the funding for me to stay on as a full-time employee. While I was still interning, my supervisor was amazing at reaching out to her contacts to help me find a job.

I also utilized many online tools for my job search, including Twitter, job search engines and email. I emailed as many public relations agencies as I could, briefly explaining my experience and how I could fit in with their company.

During this process, I learned how important it is to customize your cover letter and objective to the specific place you are applying. It's also crucial to double and triple check for correct names and spelling.

In the end I saw a posting for a social media internship for an online global publication. I sent an email to the social media manager, which included a brief introduction of myself, my cover letter and my resumé.

I then spoke with her on the phone, and was offered an interview at the Toronto office. Thankfully, I'm a people person and I don't get shy when it comes to talking about career related topics. After leaving the interview feeling confident, I was later offered the internship.

I think it's important to do at least one or two internships before searching for entry-level careers. Internships give you a chance to develop your skills and get a better understanding of the work environments that you enjoy (or don't enjoy!).

Another plus of internships is, depending on the impression you leave and the size of the company, you may be offered a job after your placement.

I think the greatest piece of advice I could give to students looking to land their own internships, would be to network and volunteer as much as you can while in school.

It's so important to build a network of contacts and connections. If you're willing to take time out of your busy schedule to do volunteer work, the people you are volunteering for may be inclined to provide a valuable reference for you down the road.

A great way to network is to attend events and really put yourself out there. Take along some personal business cards that include your Twitter handle or your LinkedIn URL (if you're active on those sites).

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Emily's experience:

- Build a network of contacts by attending events and meeting new people. Bring along personal business cards to show others that you're prepared and serious about the job hunt.
- Internships are a great way to develop new skills and test different work environments. With one or two internships under your belt, you'll be more ready for the work world when you start searching for entry-level positions.

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▶ Emily Moorhouse recommends employers who take on interns always remember to give them a decent amount of work and responsibility.

Where Emily is now

Since I just graduated in June, I'm currently doing a full-time, paid internship. I felt this was the best way to go as it would allow me to make a bit of money, while also gaining more experience in my field. I also plan to further my education sometime in the near future.

Keep the pages turning

Encouraging youngsters to read books during the summer will keep them sharp until fall

Summertime is so beautiful — filled with outdoor sports, full pink roses, warm afternoons and cool evenings. Just thinking about the summer months makes many school-aged children happy. You may remember having at least a few lazy days of summer during which you actually had the time to grab a book, relax, and read outside for a while.

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Summer Learning says that "research demonstrates that all students experience significant learning losses in procedural and factual knowledge during the summer months". However, reading four or five books can actually enhance reading ability in an elementary school child, and instead of finishing the summer with a learning deficit, your child can finish the summer with gains, and go into the new school year with better reading and writing skills.

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▶ Still have fond memories of reading your young summers away? Pass those feelings on to your kids.

How can you help your child this summer and prevent a learning loss? First, think about your own likes and dislikes. If someone told you to read Crime and Punishment by Dostoevsky over the summer, unless you are an aficionado of Russian novels, you may just put it off. Your child is no different. If you like to read lighter books in the summer, your child may just have the same feeling. That's perfectly OK.

Children should read what they like to read over the summer, because it is more likely that they will read more after having discovered the joy of reading. Allow your child to experience the wonder of reading a fantasy or science fiction story, or the thrill of feeling as if he or she is at a revolutionary war battle — or on a pirate ship. Some children may like non fiction, even during the summer, and may want to read about the universe, science, or even about travels or foods in foreign lands. Like you, they just might turn into an adult with fond memories of reading outside during the summer.

With young preschoolers, make time during the summer for reading aloud. It's important to begin reading aloud to your child as soon as possible, because this helps to develop a sense for the rhythm and pattern of language. Kumon Math and Reading Centres offer these tips for reading with preschoolers:

- Read as often as you and your child can, and prepare for reading aloud by previewing the books you intend to read together.
- The art of listening is acquired, and so it must be taught and cultivated gradually — if you have ever had your child run away during the middle of a page, you already know about this. Read slowly enough for your child to build mental pictures of what he or she has just heard.

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Commish weighs in on ballpark safety

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig says major league teams are reviewing stadium safety following the death of a fan at a Texas Rangers game last week.

The fan, 39-year-old Shannon Stone, fell over a railing while trying to catch a ball thrown to the stands by Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton.

"It was a horrible accident, heartbreaking, almost beyond comprehension," Selig said yesterday during a question-and-answer session with the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"Each team determines its own ballpark safety features based on local laws.

"Maybe there's some things they can or can't do," Selig said. "Common sense should always take over in this situation."

The commissioner also said he had found more support than he had expected for a one-game playoff between wild-card teams if the playoffs expand from eight to 10 clubs in 2012.

Selig said that he was not interested in radical realignment that would eliminate divisions or make major alterations to the leagues, but it was possible one team could move from the NL to the AL to leave each league with 15 teams. Because the 2012 draft schedule already has been completed, that likely could not occur until 2013 at the earliest.

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▶ Rory McIlroy hits a bunker shot yesterday at Royal St. George's in Sandwich, England.

All eyes on McIlroy ahead of British Open

Young U.S. Open winner getting Tiger-like attention at Royal St. George's

Rory McIlroy slipped into his seat without great fanfare yesterday, his presence detected by a sudden burst of camera shutters when the photographers realized the star of this British Open had arrived.

It was his first time at a news conference since that Sunday evening at Congressional, and it all looked familiar except that the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland no longer had the shiny U.S. Open trophy at his side.

In its place were expectations of many more majors to follow, perhaps starting with this one.

"The thing about Rory is that he plays golf with a real flair and a real charisma, and I think fans are drawn to that."
FOUR-TIME MAJOR WINNER PHIL MICKELSON ON RORY MCILROY

McIlroy has a chance to join the elite group of players that have captured the U.S. Open and British Open in the same year.

McIlroy knew it was quite an achievement, setting scoring records at the U.S. Open and winning by eight shots.

"I didn't realize how much of a fuss it would create or how much of a buzz," he said. "It's been nice. I thought it was great for me to win the U.S. Open, win my first major. The support that I've had from people back home, from everyone all over the world, has been pretty overwhelming."

It was impossible to miss yesterday.

This is the new world of McIlroy. And he says he's ready for it.

"This is what I've always wanted to do," McIlroy said. "I've always wanted to be a successful golfer and be one of the best players in the world and to win major championships. If I have to put up with a few things along the way, then I'm fine with that."

McIlroy became the youngest major champion since Tiger Woods won his first major at Augusta National in 1997 when he was 21. The last four major champions are all in their 20s, the first time that has happened in more than a century.

The British Open gets underway tomorrow.

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Jays send Rivera to Dodgers

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▶ Juan Rivera

The Toronto Blue Jays traded outfielder Juan Rivera to the Los Angeles Dodgers yesterday in exchange for a player to be named or cash considerations.

The 33-year-old played in 70 games for the Jays this season, batting .243 with six home runs and 27 RBIs prior to being designated for assignment on July 3.

He was acquired by Toronto in January with catcher Mike Napoli from the Los Angeles Angels in exchange for centre-fielder Vernon Wells.

Napoli was dealt to the Texas Rangers for reliever Frank Francisco.

In 887 games in 11 big league seasons Rivera has a .277 average with 118 home runs and 446 RBIs.

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Sports in brief

Oilers send Cogliano south

NHL. The Edmonton Oilers traded centre Andrew Cogliano to the Anaheim Ducks yesterday in exchange for a second-round draft pick in 2013.

Cogliano was drafted 25th overall by Edmonton in the 2005 draft and had 11 goals and 35 points last season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

T-Wolves get rid of Rambis

NBA. The Minnesota Timberwolves fired Kurt Rambis yesterday, ending the uncertainty surrounding the head coach of the worst team in the NBA last season. Rambis was 32-132 in Minnesota, including 17-65 this past season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Quoted

"Everything that I've been able to accomplish with my teammates here has been special ... The Grey Cups, the wins and, on a personal note, the touchdown passes."
MONTREAL ALOUETTES QUARTERBACK ANTHONY CALVILLO, WHO IS TIED WITH FORMER TORONTO ARGONAUT DAMON FOR THE CFL TOUCHDOWN PASSES RECORD WITH 394. CALVILLO CAN BEAT THE RECORD WHEN THE ALS HOST THE ARGOS FRIDAY.

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5 drive

By comparison

Ford Mustang
Base price: $32,900
Classic design with muscular V6 and V8 power. GT500 model sizzles.

Mitsubishi Eclipse
Low-volume ragtop has great looks, but I4 and optional V6 lack power.

Chrysler 200
Base price: $31,500
Restyled former Sebring is much improved. New V6 option adds punch.

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20-second drop top

The Camaro's well-insulated power-operated cloth top is secured by a single centre-mounted latch and takes just 20 seconds for the windows to automatically lower and the top to fully retract.

Chevy can also supply a windscreen that's secured between the seats to help keep most baby-boomer comb-overs in place.

Smooth ride

The firm-riding Camaro features 20-inch wheels that, when tested, clung tenaciously to the twisty tarmac. The optional leather-covered bucket seats provided equal grip and were pleasantly comfortable for long-distance driving.

You'll also be hard-pressed to see or feel any bizarre shaking or body flex that's problematic on some other convertible designs.

Mighty SS

The Camaro convertible SS model comes with a 426-horsepower 6.2-litre V8 and a six-speed manual transmission.

There's also a 312-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 unit that comes with the optional six-speed automatic. Still, its extra-cost black centre stripe and 20-inch polished aluminum wheels made it appear almost indistinguishable from the mighty SS.

▶ For all its size, the Camaro convertible doesn't hold much in the way of people or cargo. But that's not really the point of this style statement, now is it.

Cruising season is finally here; need a reminder?

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High-school reunions are great for reminiscing about the way we were. And the perfect four-wheeled time machine for such an event is the 2011 Camaro convertible.

The year I departed my alma mater in 1967 was the Camaro's freshman season. By then, Ford's groundbreaking Mustang had been around for two and a half years and had generated worldwide sales in excess of 1.3 million copies.

Even so, the Chevy rival attracted plenty of attention with its head-turning good looks and enough available grunt to lay down lengthy rubber strips whenever the driver tapped the gas pedal.

To my teenage way of thinking, the original Camaro's sophistication and swagger (especially the Rally Sport convertible model with its hidden headlights) blew the Mustang into the weeds and would have been my personal preference if only I had possessed the financial wherewithal.

Chevrolet mothballed the Camaro on its 35th anniversary in 2002, but with great fanfare the stunning coupe returned for the 2010 model year.

The convertible was released this past February, just in time for the spring and summer cruising season.

Whether it's around the block or across the country, the Camaro should definitely transport you to another state of mind.

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LEASING AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS, PART II

AUTO PILOT

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A few years back certain automakers were really big into leasing. Then they dropped it like a hot potato salad. Yes, very messy.

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▶ Leasing is not restricted to luxury cars, but luxury cars, like this BMW 5 Series, have always maintained a higher percentage of lease customers than their mainstream counterparts.

In an effort to get business by establishing lower and lower monthly lease payments, many automakers set way too optimistic lease-end residual prices.

These vehicles then flooded the used market and over-supply conditions further decreased their already unrealistic values.

Net result: automakers and lessors had to suck up the difference, and suffered huge losses in their leasing portfolios. Grumpy faces all around.

They're not going to do that again. Oh wait, they might be… Yes, Chrysler and GM are back into leasing. And other automakers that significantly scaled back their leasing efforts, like Ford, are now scaling back up.

Well leasing is back, but you can be sure that automakers have learned valuable lessons. Leasing is different now.

Generally, automakers will now be more selective on which models they offer leasing programs on, and will have self-imposed limits on their overall leasing penetration. Ford, for instance, wants to keep it around 10 per cent of their overall sales.

Luxury makes have more pressure to lease — their affluent customers like to, and can afford to, get into new vehicles more often, and leasing is a great no-fuss no-muss way to get that done. If you're always driving a relatively new vehicle it's going to be expensive, no matter which financing method you use.

Which brings us back to an essential point of leasing — leasing is not for everyone. In the previous era, many customers were mesmerized by those lower-then-low monthly payments, and then found out the hard way, that it didn't suit their budget, needs or lifestyle. If they didn't look after the vehicle properly and/or drove it a ton, they got stung at lease end with excessive kilometre and "wear and tear" charges.

By adhering to more realistic residual (or end-of-lease) values, leasing offers are better structured than they were in the past, but lost the clear-cut cost advantage they previously held over their main competitor — a financed car loan. But automakers still use attractive lease rates to move certain models, so good leases deals are out there.

Do some reading before you go lease happy. The Canadian Automobile Dealers Association (CADA) has published a useful document called, Turning the Lights on Leasing, which is accessible on its website (cada.ca).

Another resource is the software application, Expert Lease Pro, available at leasetips.com.

I asked publisher, Charles Hart, what is the most misunderstood aspect of leasing, by consumers?

"That it's a legal contract," said Hart. "You're entering into a legal contract. Not just taking a loan and then purchasing something. Distinct difference… Like any contract, you need to read it and understand it, before you enter into it."

And once you're in, be prepared to go the distance.

Hart noted you could prematurely end a lease.

"But it's painful and expensive."

Lowly dandelion could be Ford's next breakthrough

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FORD

The next time you're cursing dandelions as you're digging them out of your lawn, try not to be so hard on them: they might be part of your car someday.

Ford has partnered with Ohio State University's agricultural research department to see if the milky sap in dandelion roots can be used in place of latex to make rubber for vehicle parts.

"I believe oil will become more scarce and we need to look at alternative materials that we can grow in this country," says Debbie Mielewski, technical leader of plastics research for Ford in Michigan.

"We use a lot of synthetic rubber and it's made from petroleum. Rubber is a natural product, but it's grown in Southeast Asia. Transportation costs are getting ridiculous, the plants are being hit by blight, and they're cutting down trees at a much higher rate than they're replacing them, so we don't think it's feasible long-term."

You're not going to get rich by weeding and selling the result. In order to get enough sap from each plant, the dandelions being studied are a special strain that's native to Russia.

"These roots are enormous compared to those in our regular dandelions here," Mielewski says.

"They were looking at it during World War Two as a local source of rubber because nothing was shipping in, but research stopped after the war ended. In the last few years, Ohio State started to look at it to see if we can grow it here as a natural source of rubber."

The dandelions are harvested, dried, and their roots snapped open to obtain the sap. In testing, it's being used the same way as natural latex to form rubber. Even if the weeds have potential, Mielewski warns that it will take years before the product actually comes to market.

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What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2009 to 2011 Volkswagen Tiguan
- **Vehicle type:** Crossover SUV

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▶ 2010 Volkswagen Tiguan

The VW Tiguan is a compact SUV that was launched in 2009 to Canadian shoppers. Still on sale, the model receives an update for the 2011 model year.

With standard turbo power, two or all-wheel drive and sporty driving dynamics, the Volkswagen Tiguan stood out in the marketplace as a sporty and exciting contender.

Standard equipment included a two-litre four-cylinder turbo engine with 200 horsepower, front-wheel drive and a five-speed manual transmission. A six-speed automatic was available, and standard on 4Motion all wheel drive models.

Feature content included heated leather seating, a sunroof, navigation, rain-sensing wipers, a backup camera, Bluetooth and automatic climate control.

What Owners Like

Tiguan owners typically rave about sporty ride and handling characteristics, impeccable fit and finish, classy styling, and a long list of bells and whistles.

Small car driving manners and manoeuvrability are also highly rated.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints of the Tiguan tend to be centred around minor interior rattles as the vehicle ages, as well as its requirement to run on premium gas.

Some owners wish for better gas mileage, and many complain of limited cargo space in the back.

Common Issues

Start a test-drive of the Tiguan with a full check of all interior electronics — including the power/heated seats, navigation system and all lights.

A few owners have reported having transmissions replaced under warranty, and others note a strange and intermittent "thump" as the vehicle comes to a stop in traffic.

Information on Tiguan transmission issues is scarce, but if the automatic gearbox in the unit you're considering exhibits any unwelcomed behaviour, be sure to have it checked out.

Note that any sputtering or "lumpiness" in acceleration could be caused by a bad engine sensor or ignition coil packs, and that any check engine lights should be investigated by a trained VW mechanic.

Finally, check the floor carpeting, especially around the front footwells for signs of moisture, which could indicate a clogged or pinched-off sunroof drainage tube.

The Verdict

Tiguan will command a price premium for its purchase and operating costs, though most owners agree that the upscale driving experience and sporty performance more than compensate.

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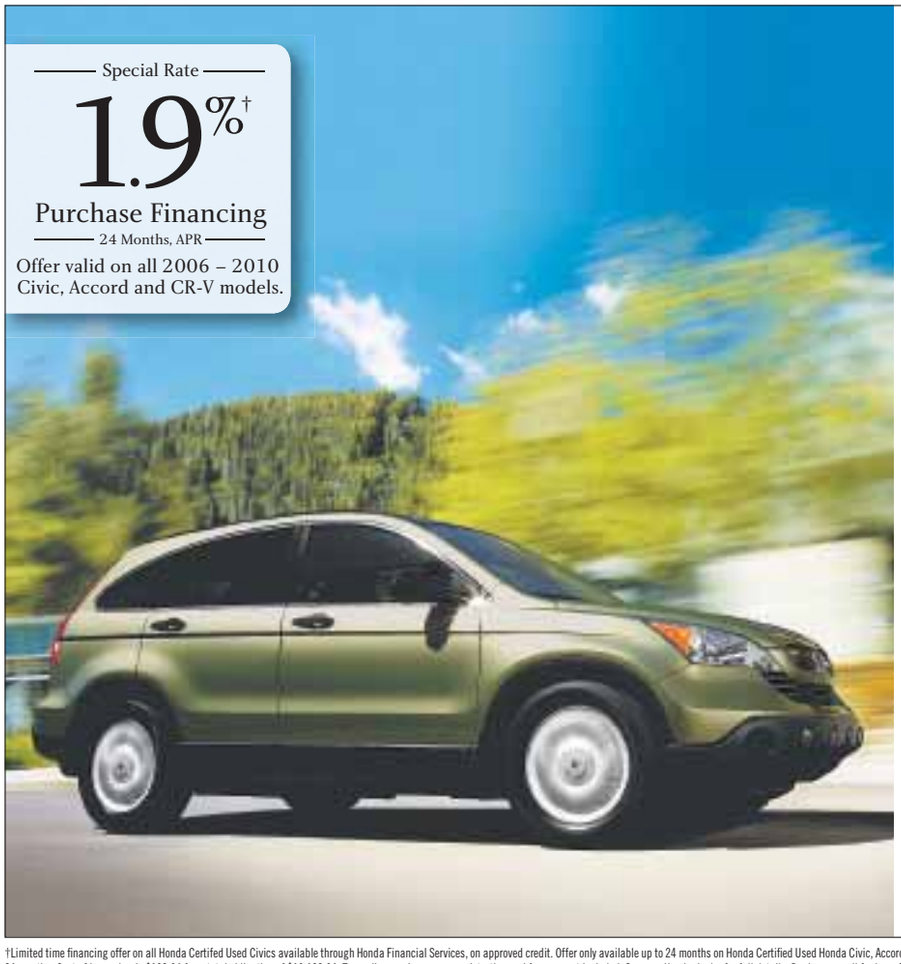

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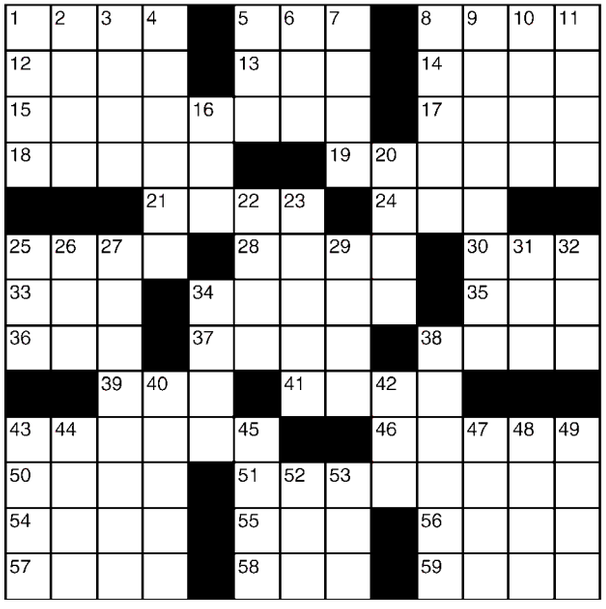

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5 Sleepwear, for short
8 Commotions
12 Brit's exclamation
13 Debtor's letters
14 Domesticate
15 Made moist
17 Send forth
18 Lance
19 Crouches
21 Line of fashion?
24 Boom times
25 Auction actions
28 Asian desert
30 Animation frame
33 Historic time
34 Bolivian city
35 Guitar's cousin
36 Jewel
37 War god
38 Cruising
39 Pick a target
41 Profound
43 Jamaican music style
46 Blunder
50 Satan's specialty
51 Greek threatened by a sword
54 Flintstones' pet
55 Wildebeest
56 Aid
57 Lily variety
58 Tackle's teammate
59 Slithery

Down

1 Covers
2 Now, on a memo
3 Jerry Herman musical
4 Circumvent
5 Wrestling win
6 Scarborough of MSNBC
7 Lather
8 Enjoyed thoroughly
9 Syrian city
10 Leave out
11 Collections
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20 Classroom surprise
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52 Massachusetts cape
53 Pie filling?

▶ Yesterday's answer

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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4	1	2	3	9	8	5	6	7
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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You won't hesitate to speak your mind. Be careful because what you say could have far-reaching results.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you went to extremes in some way yesterday, you will have to balance things out over the next 24 hours.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may be a bit unsure of yourself, but it's nothing to worry about. Tomorrow you'll be back to your best.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If your current workload is heavy, you will need help from partners.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Don't worry if you fall out with a friend-because you will be the best of mates again by tomorrow.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you want guarantees you won't be out of pocket if you agree with a pal's proposal, you're asking too much.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your way with words will charm everyone around you today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will clash with someone whose opinions you disagree with, not for the first time and not for the last.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to channel your feelings into something of a worthwhile nature, such as a creative project.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You're not in the mood for fun and games. These are serious times.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You're in everyone's good books at the moment and if you are smart, you will make the most of it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you've made a promise, you must live up to it — especially on the work front. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Join us on Thursday, August 18th, as 100 brave superheros challenge themselves and change lives by rappelling down the 17 storey RBC Tower at Portage and Fort in support of children, youth and adults with disabilities in Manitoba.

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